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**EXCELSIOR LAKE
MINNETONKA**
Chapter of Communities

SUMMER 2024 EVENTS

WITH THE EXCELSIOR-LAKE MINNETONKA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE



JUNE 8-9 2024, DOWNTOWN
EXCELSIOR
**ART ON THE
LAKE**



JULY 4, 2024, DOWNTOWN
EXCELSIOR
**FIRECRACKER
RUN**



JULY 4, 2024, DOWNTOWN
EXCELSIOR
**LAKE
MINNETONKA
4TH OF JULY**



JULY 20-23, 2024, DOWNTOWN
EXCELSIOR
**EXCELSIOR
CRAZY DAYS**



SEPTEMBER 20-22, 2024,
DOWNTOWN EXCELSIOR
APPLE DAYS



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The Excelsior-Lake Minnetonka Chamber of Commerce is a 501(c)(6) non-profit entity whose mission is to promote the economic well-being of all member businesses as well as to enhance the image of the Excelsior-Lake Minnetonka Area as a great place to live, work and visit.

LAKE COMMUNITIES

- Deephaven
- Excelsior
- Greenwood
- Minnetonka
- Minnetonka Beach
- Minnetrista
- Mound
- Orono
- Shorewood
- Spring Park
- Tonka Bay
- Victoria
- Wayzata
- Woodland



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Lake Minnetonka has a rich history and for a long time it was a hidden gem.

The Dakota Native Americans in the area around Lake Minnetonka interacted with fur traders for years. But the tribe made a point of not telling them about the lake because of its spiritual importance. In 1822, two teenagers William Snelling (son of Colonel Josiah Snelling) and Joseph Brown traveled up Minnehaha Creek by canoe from what was later named Fort Snelling and eventually entered Lake Minnetonka.

Despite the record of their trip, Lake Minnetonka was kept relatively secret until the early 1850s. That's when settlement spread across the area with the Treaties of Traverse des Sioux and Mendota in 1851.



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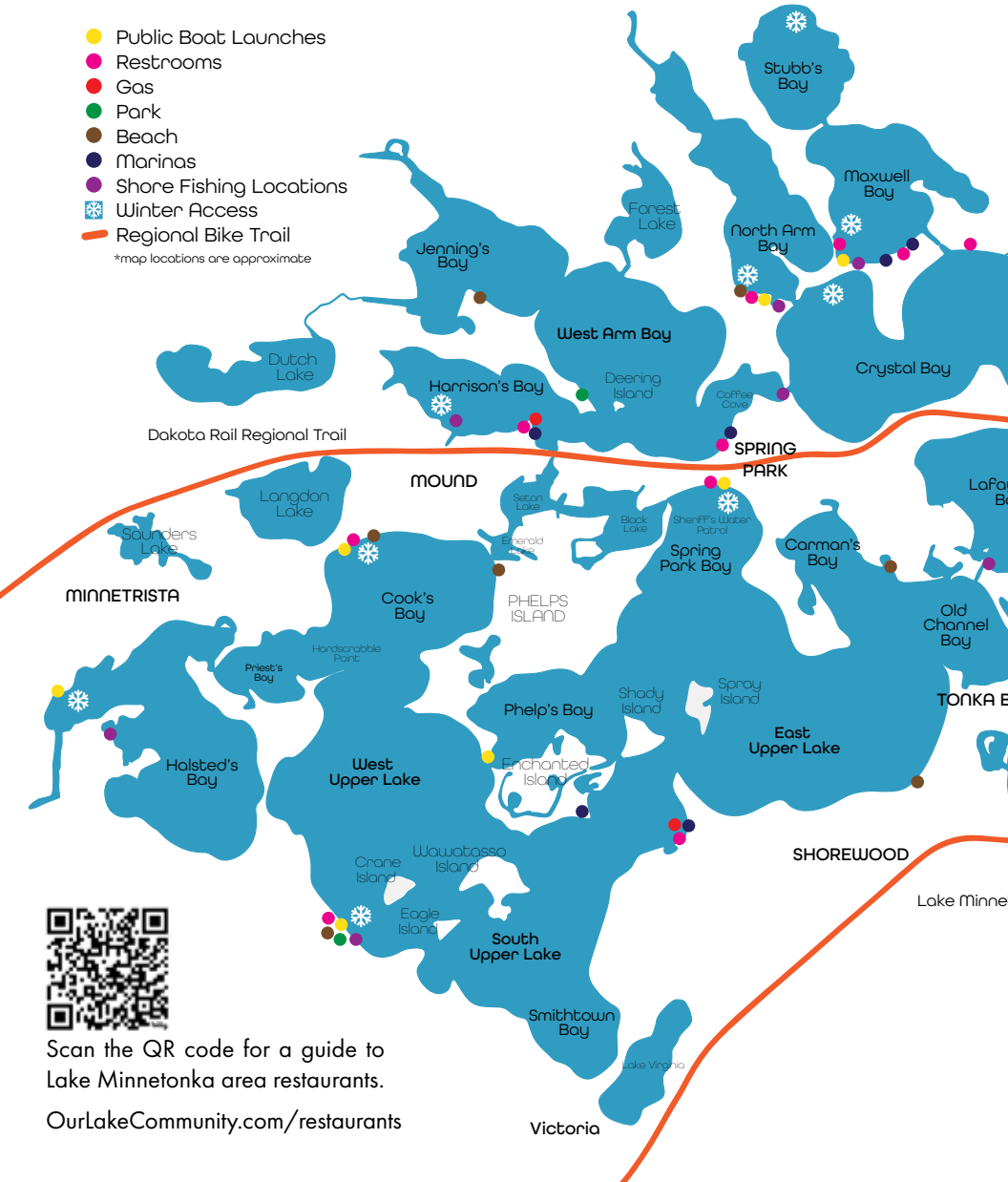
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 - Restrooms
 - Gas
 - Park
 - Beach
 - Marinas
 - Shore Fishing Locations
 - ❄ Winter Access
 - Regional Bike Trail
- *map locations are approximate



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Predominant Fish Species

- Crappie
- Sunfish
- Largemouth Bass
- Smallmouth Bass
- Muskellunge
- Northern Pike
- Perch

Shoreline 125 miles
Mean depth 30 ft
Max depth 113 ft



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BIG ISLAND

Big Island Nature Park is open to the public as a nature preserve. Approximately 75% of the park acreage is protected by a Conservation Easement with the intent to retain the natural character of the property. Informal hiking trails allow access to beautiful vistas of Lake Minnetonka, and nature lovers will find a wealth of plants, animals and birds that make the island their home. The Park has two docks available, one to accommodate occasional stops by the steamboat Minnehaha, and a second dock for general public use.

AREA PARKS & TRAILS

Dakota Rail Regional Trail

Lake Minnetonka Regional Trail

Luce Line State Trail

Lake Minnetonka Regional Park

Big Island Nature Park

Carver Park Reserve

Noerenberg Memorial Gardens



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JUNE

6/21-6/23 Wayzata Art Experience

JULY

7/4 Flying Pancake Breakfast, Wayzata

7/4 Firecracker Run, Excelsior

7/4 Lake Minnetonka 4th of July, Excelsior

7/18-7/20 Spirit Of The Lakes Festival, Mound

7/18-7/21 Excelsior Crazy Days

AUGUST

8/2 Night To Unite

8/3 Tour de Tonka

8/10 Big Island And Back Paddle

8/22 Minnesota State Fair Begins

TBD Dog Days Westonka, Mound

SEPTEMBER

9/2 Labor Day



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WATER SAFETY RULES:

- 5 mph speed limit on all boats within 300 feet from shore.
- 150-foot distance from docks, anchored boats, swimmers or scuba divers' warning flags.
- Life Jackets available and on children under 10 years of age while moving.
- Protect your waters by following state aquatic invasive species laws.



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